

The Great Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides
Exodus 17:8-16

8 Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. 9 So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." 10 Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. 13 So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is My Banner; 16 and he said, "The Lord has sworn; the Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

1. God is **with** us so trust God. (Ex 14:13)

13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! ***Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord*** which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

2. God gives us **what we need** so trust God. (Ex 16:7)

I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and ***you shall know that I am the Lord your God.***'"

3. God gives us **strength** so trust God. (Ex 17:15-16)

Moses built an altar and named it ***The Lord is My Banner***; 16 and he said, "The Lord has sworn; the Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

4. God will **save** us so trust God. (Ex 34:18)

"You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread. For seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.

5. God will **guide** us so trust God. (Ex 34:28)

So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. ***And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.***

- I. God gives us strength to **oppose** the enemy. (v.8-10)

Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim.

1. God expects us to **face** the opposition. (v.9a)

So Moses said to Joshua, ***"Choose men for us and go out***

2. God expects us to **fight** the opposition. (v.9b)

So Moses said to Joshua, ***"fight against Amalek.*** Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

3. God expects us to **foil** the opposition. (v.10)

Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

- II. God gives us strength to overcome the enemy. (v.11-13)

13 So **Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people** with the edge of the sword.

1. Overcoming is a result of sincere worship. (v.11)

So it came about **when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed**, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

2. Overcoming is a result of strong leadership. (v.12a)

But **Moses' hands were heavy.**

3. Overcoming is a result of supportive fellowship. (v.12b)

Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and **Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other.** Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

- III. God give us strength to obliterate the enemy. (v.14)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that **I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.**"

1. God's promise to obliterate the enemy was recorded. (v.14a)

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "**Write this in a book as a memorial...**"

2. God's promise to obliterate the enemy was recited. (14b)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "...and **recite it to Joshua,**"

3. God's promise to obliterate the enemy was remembered. (v.15-16)

Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is My Banner; 16 and he said, "The Lord has sworn; the Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

1. We Value the prayers of God's people.
2. We Believe God will change lives.
3. We Serve to bring glory to God.